

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3240
ANSWERED ON:11.08.2000
ASSISTANCE BY TOBACCO BOARD
RAJESH RANJAN (PAPPU YADAV)

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which the Tobacco Board is providing assistance to tobacco producers in Bihar;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to disband the Tobacco Board and to permit the non-Government parties to operate tobacco business; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) FCV is not produced in Bihar

(b) & (c) There is a recommendation by the Commission to review Administrative Laws to repeal the Tobacco Board Act, 1975. Tobacco trade is operated by private enterprise. Tobacco Board's Intervention in the purchase of FCV tobacco is governed by provisions in the Tobacco Board Act, 1975.